

Fromm, Joseph

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World Report
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Herbert E. Hetu
Assistant to the Director
(Public Affairs)

SUBJECT: Request from Joe Fromm, U.S. News
& World Report

1. Joe Fromm called yesterday afternoon to let me know that U.S. News & World Report is doing a major story on the activities of other foreign intelligence organizations (SAVAK, KCIA, etc.). The article will deal largely with their operations in the United States. One aspect to be covered is the alleged association between those organizations and CIA. Specifically, that we know about their operations in this country and have either formal or tacit agreements to permit those operations so that we can operate likewise in their countries on a reciprocal basis.
2. Attached are four questions from Joe which he would like you to answer. He assures me that should you not wish to answer any of the questions, he will not hang a "no comment" around your neck.
3. Fromm would really like to interview you on the subject early next week. I am not convinced that an interview would serve any useful purpose because he would want answers to very detailed questions. I think we could satisfy the situation by giving him one general statement similar to that which you gave Ben Bradlee at breakfast yesterday morning, e.g., "there are no existing agreements between the CIA and the foreign intelligence organizations of other countries concerning their operations in this country or our operations in their countries. Should the CIA somehow become aware of illegal activities undertaken by foreign intelligence agencies in this country, we would immediately notify the Justice Department, the FBI and other appropriate individuals or agencies of the U.S. Government."

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